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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGIONS

	September, 1979			September 30, 1979	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
	(Million Board Feet)				
SOFTWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Pine Region	638	632	563	602	1,121
Douglas Fir Region	685	662	679	592	816
Western Pine Region	882	909	866	488	1,263
California Redwood Region	163	160	138	172	403
Other Softwoods	131	131	124	263	250
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,499	2,494	2,370	2,117	3,853
% Change - Aug., 1978	- 6.3	- 9.6	-11.9	- 5.5	+ 0.1
% Change - Sept., 1979	- 5.8	- 4.8	-13.0	- 2.8	- 3.0
HARDWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Hardwood Region	297	290	279	265	496
Appalachian Hardwood Region	112	106	102	*	*
Other Hardwoods	223	216	208	131	526
TOTAL HARDWOODS	632	612	589	396	1,022
% Change - Aug., 1978	-12.9	-10.1	- 9.7	- 5.5	+ 2.0
% Change - Sept., 1979	- 2.8	- 5.4	-10.9	-37.1	+40.4
TOTAL LUMBER	3,131	3,106	2,959	2,513	4,875
% Change - Aug., 1978	- 7.7	- 9.7	-11.5	- 5.5	+ 0.5
% Change - Sept., 1979	- 5.2	- 4.9	-12.6	-10.5	+ 3.7
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
FLOORING:	(Thousand Board Feet)				
Oak Flooring Region	7,986	7,439	7,447	9,496	3,189
Maple Flooring Region	2,185	2,131	1,785	11,703	1,438
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD:	(Thousand Square Feet 3/8" Basis)				
Total All Regions	1,598,208	1,611,388	1,456,375	1,046,074	291,877
% Change - Aug., 1978	-13.0	-15.0	-24.5	-12.9	- 2.8
% Change - Sept., 1979	- 1.7	- 1.7	-18.3	+ 0.9	-16.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

PRODUCTION

	Sep.'79	Percent Change From Aug.'78	Percent Change From Sep.'78
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	7,671	-11.0	- 7.3
Douglas Fir Reg.	7,784	- 0.9	- 6.3
Western Pine Reg.	9,391	-10.7	- 6.1
Calif. Redwood Reg.	2,140	- 3.6	+ 5.2
Other Softwoods	1,482	- 8.2	- 5.7
Total Softwoods	28,468	- 7.6	- 5.7
Total Hardwoods	7,223	-13.8	- 2.8
TOTAL LUMBER	35,691	- 8.9	- 5.1

SHIPMENTS

	Sep.'79	Percent Change From Aug.'78	Percent Change From Sep.'78
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	7,561	-13.3	- 8.5
Douglas Fir Reg.	7,750	- 5.1	- 7.3
Western Pine Reg.	9,662	-12.8	- 3.8
Calif. Redwood Reg.	2,136	+ 5.7	+21.2
Other Softwoods	1,499	- 9.9	- 4.3
Total Softwoods	28,608	- 9.6	- 4.6
Total Hardwoods	7,165	- 9.6	- 5.4
TOTAL LUMBER	35,773	- 9.6	- 4.8

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

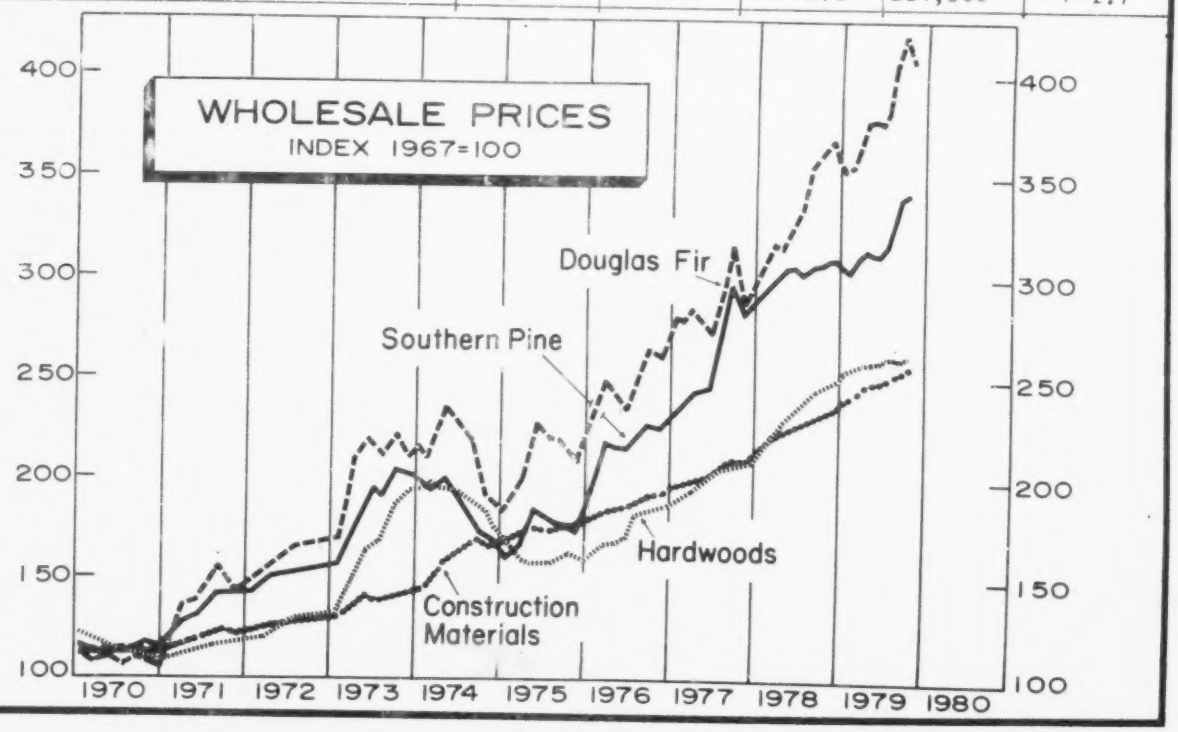
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber - 9 mos. '79	28,337	28,267	28,187
Total Lumber - 9 mos. '78	28,553	28,702	28,873
% Change	- 0.8	- 1.5	- 2.4
Softwood Lumber -9 mos. '79	22,405	22,555	22,652
Softwood Lumber - 9 mos. '78	23,142	23,247	23,264
% Change	- 3.2	- 3.0	- 2.6
Hardwood Lumber - 9 mos. '79	5,932	5,712	5,535
Hardwood Lumber - 9 mos. '78	5,411	5,455	5,609
% Change	+ 9.6	+ 4.7	- 1.3

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

	Sep. '79	Percent Change From Aug. '79	Percent Change From Sep. '78	9 mos. '79	Percent Change From 9 mos.'78
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	999.3	- 4.3	- 1.5	8,916.7	- 2.8
Softwoods	961.3	- 4.5	- 1.8	8,597.5	- 3.3
From Canada	953.9	- 5.0	- 1.7	8,558.0	- 3.3
Other Sources	7.4	+146.7	- 17.8	39.6	- 5.3
Hardwoods	35.5	+ 6.3	+ 4.7	297.5	+ 10.3
From Canada	7.5	+ 2.7	- 18.5	67.4	- 14.6
Other Sources	28.0	+ 7.7	+ 13.4	230.2	+ 20.7
Other (not specified)	2.4	- 35.1	+ 60.0	21.7	+128.4
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	214.2	+ 12.1	+ 63.9	1,601.5	+ 24.0
Softwoods	172.9	+ 14.6	+ 64.7	1,308.9	+ 26.6
Hardwoods	29.3	+ 8.1	+ 24.2	229.8	- 2.6
Other (not specified)	11.9	- 8.5	+466.7	62.9	+188.5
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CANADA	54.4	- 13.0	+ 42.0	487.6	+ 8.9

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Sep. '79	Aug. '79	Sep. '78	9 mos.'79	9 mos.'78
Value of all NEW CONSTRUCTION		(Millions of Dollars)			
Put in Place	22,046	- 0.6	+ 8.5	166,056	+10.9
Private	16,773	- 2.0	+ 9.1	130,581	+12.2
Residential	9,473	- 2.4	+ 4.0	72,759	+ 5.8
Nonresidential & Other	7,300	- 1.5	+16.6	57,822	+21.5
Public	5,273	+ 4.0	+ 6.5	35,475	+ 6.6
	Oct. '79	Sep. '79	Oct. '78	10mos.'79	10mos.'78
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED		(Thousands of Units)			
Total Private & Public Starts	168.7	+ 3.3	-12.2	1537.2	-11.8
New Private Starts	168.4	+ 3.2	-12.3	1533.6	-12.0
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates	1,760	- 7.9	-14.3		
One-Family Housing Starts	106.7	+ 0.9	-18.6	1,063.2	-14.4
(Proportion of Total Starts)					
	Sep. '79	Aug.'79	Sep. '78	9 mos.'79	9 mos.'78
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED		(Millions of Dollars)			
All Private Construction	9,179	-13.2	+ 6.8	80,238	+ 4.1
New Housing Units	4,887	-11.4	- 1.1	43,213	- 4.1
New Nonresidential	3,158	-17.9	+15.6	27,702	+15.3
Additions and alterations	958	-13.3	+16.8	8,322	+17.4
		(Number of Units)			
Shipments of MOBILE HOMES	23,600	-18.3	- 2.1	214,300	+ 1.7



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

U. S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION	CURRENT			YEAR - TO - DATE	
	Latest Period Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	QIII '79	QII '79	QII '78	9 mos. '79	9 mos. '78
	(Million Board Feet)				
Total	12,208	- 0.2	- 4.1	35,591	- 2.9
Softwoods	10,317	+ 0.5	- 4.2	29,854	- 4.1
Hardwoods	1,891	- 3.7	- 3.1	5,737	+ 4.1

Total EMPLOYMENT - (Seasonally Adjusted)		% Change From	
	Oct. '79	Sep. '79	Oct. '78
	(Thousands of Employees)		
All Industries	90,151	+ 0.3	+ 3.1
All Manufacturing Industries	20,958	0.0	+ 1.6
Lumber and Wood Products	765	+ 0.7	+ 1.7
Furniture and Fixtures	483	+ 0.4	- 1.4

WHOLESALE PRICES		% Change From	
	Oct. '79	Sep. '79	Oct. '78
	(Index - 1967 = 100)		
All Commodities	245.2	+ 1.4	+14.1
All Construction Materials	258.2	+ 0.6	+10.3
Lumber and Wood Products	308.8	- 0.3	+ 8.7
All Lumber	370.2	- 1.0	+10.2
Softwood Lumber	400.2	- 1.3	+11.8
Douglas Fir Lumber	410.4	- 3.2	+11.3
Southern Pine Lumber	344.4	+ 0.2	+11.8
Other Softwood Lumber	417.1	- 1.1	+12.0
Hardwood Lumber	262.4	+ 0.7	+ 5.8
Millwork	255.6	+ 1.9	+ 6.6
Softwood Plywood	326.5	- 1.4	- 2.0
Hardwood Plywood	173.8	0.0	+21.1
Wood Household Furniture	200.8	+ 0.7	+ 7.5
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	227.2	+ 2.0	+12.3
Steel Mill Products	288.4	+ 1.3	+10.0
Aluminum Shapes	251.5	+ 0.7	+ 7.8
Concrete Products	249.4	+ 0.3	+12.2
Structural Clay Products	221.1	- 1.2	+ 9.2

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